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SUBJECT: PER – Restrictions on Political Activity

Purpose: To provide guidance concerning political activity for all employees.

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Background. It is important to understand what is permissible under the Hatch Act, as amended, especially during an election year.

Explanation. To assist employees, below the SES level, to understand and abide by the restrictions on political activity, attached is an easy to read reference guide. There is also a Political Activity Quick Reference Chart that further explains both off-duty and onduty political activity that is permissible at: <a href="https://www.usda-ethics.net/rules/rule20.htm">www.usda-ethics.net/rules/rule20.htm</a>.

Contact. For further information please contact USDA Office of Ethics, Farm, Conservation and Rural Programs Division at ethics-farm@usda.gov or at (202) 205-2061 or your State Ethics Advisor, Anne Anderson at 717-237-2143.

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